



New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services

1915(b) Waiver Renewal Mandatory Enrollment in Medicaid Care Management

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Program History

- Senate Bill 147, signed into law in June 2011 required the Department to transition the administration of NH's Medicaid from fee-for-service to a managed care delivery system.
- The initial transition to a managed care delivery system began on December 1, 2013. At that time, the Department did not have authority to mandate enrollment into managed care for those enrollees identified at 42 CFR 438.50(d)(1-3).
- September 1, 2015 CMS approved the Department's initial 1915(b).
- The Department's first renewal was approved by CMS on April 1, 2018 and expires on March 31, 2020.
- Through this second waiver renewal request the Department seeks the authority to continue to mandate enrollment into managed care those enrollees identified at 42 CFR 438.50(d)(1-3).

1915(b) Freedom-of-Choice Waivers

- States complete a preprinted application/renewal.
- States must demonstrate that the proposed waiver will not increase federal spending ('cost effectiveness test').
- Once an application is submitted, the Secretary has 90 days to make an approval decision.
- Generally in effect for two years; five years if dually eligible individuals are included (the Department has selected 2 years).
- Oversight and monitoring responsibilities and requirements have historically been outlined in the approval document.

Differences Between a 1915(b) Waiver Program & State Plan Program

- Able to require dual eligibles, American Indians, and children with special health care needs to enroll in a managed care delivery system.
- Must demonstrate that the managed care delivery system is cost-effective, efficient and consistent with the principles of the Medicaid program.
- The approval period is limited to 2 years then must be renewed.
(Medicaid state plan authority does not have an expiration date).

Next Steps

December 10, 2019

- Post for public comment the 1915(b) Waiver Renewal, Cost Effectiveness and Independent Assessment.

December 27, 2019

- Deadline to Submit Public Comments.
- Public comment can be submitted to 1915bwaiver@dhhs.nh.gov.

December 31, 2019

- Submit to CMS

Questions and Answers